

# Plants to Repel Ticks

Though there hasn't been too much research on plants that repel ticks from your yard, there are a few pointers we can give to help with the problem.



The first thing to keep in mind when trying to keep ticks out of your yard is to not give them a place to hide. Ticks love tall grass so by simply keeping your lawn mowed and your landscape beds weed free you are already making huge strides to keep ticks out of your yard

**Lavender** is also said to work. Lavender is a perennial that comes in several different varieties varying in size and shape. Along with ticks, lavender also has a tendency to repel ticks, moths, mice, the pesky black fly, mosquitoes and fleas.

**Lemon grass**, along with being a great ingredient in Vietnamese and Thai dishes, has also be found to repel ticks. It is a cold sensitive herb and needs to be brought inside for winter or replanted every year.



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There are also several plants in the mint family that have been shown to repel ticks. **Catnip, sage, peppermint, chocolate mint, or apple mint** are all good examples of plants safe around your pets and can be used to repel ticks. They can also be cut and dried and applied to areas where they sleep to help keep ticks and fleas out of those areas as well.

Remember, mints can be aggressive growers so we recommend growing them in containers versus planting them in the yard.

